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1. CHINA

NCNA ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY THAT TENG HSIAO-PING HAS BEEN STRIPPED OF ALL POSTS, AND HUA KUO-FENG HAS BEEN MADE FULL PREMIER, CCP FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN. REUTER'S ROGERS (PEKING) OBSERVES AGENCY MADE CLEAR TENG BEING BLAMED FOR MONDAY'S TIEN ANMIN SQUARE RIOTING, AND THAT MAO HAD PROPOSED TENG'S DISMISSAL AND HAD RECOMMENDED TO CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE THAT HUA BE APPOINTED PREMIER, PARTY FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN. NOTES ONLY CONCILIATORY NOTE NCNA SOUNDED WAS THAT TENG WILL BE SAVED FINAL DISGRACE OF LOSING CCP MEMBERSHIP.

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EARLIER WEDNESDAY, NCNA REVEALED THAT LI HSIEN-NIEN HAD REAPPEARED AFTER LONG ABSENCE, REPORTING LI RECEIVED NEW LAOTIAN AMBASSADOR TO PEKING.

TIENTEN ABSOLUTELY SILENT TUESDAY NIGHT. NO INDICATION WHAT HAPPENED TO ABOUT 200-300 DEMONSTRATORS APPARENTLY ARRESTED, LED AWAY BY MILITIA MEMBERS MONDAY NIGHT. DURING TUESDAY, FEW YOUTHS WANDERED AROUND SQUARE,

OCCASIONALLY JOSTLED FOREIGNERS OR THUMPED PASSING VEHICLES, BUT NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS (WP). TRUCKS CARRYING THOUSANDS, MOST APPARENTLY MILITIAMEN, ROLLED THROUGH PEKING STREETS TUESDAY AS CHINESE OFFICIALS SEEMED PREPARING FOR POSSIBILITY FURTHER VIOLENCE. ANOTHER SIGN OF OFFICIAL CONCERN WAS PEOPLE'S DAILY FRONT-PAGE EDIT WARNING AGAINST REPEAT OF MONDAY VIOLENCE (NYT; UPI NYDN, BALTIMORE 4/6; AP, WSTAR 4/6; "CAPITALIST ROADERS" IN PRC; ALTHOUGH NOT NAMED, TENG CLEARLY APPEARED TARGET (REUTER HK).

TASS DESCRIBES PEKING'S MONDAY DISTURBANCES AS "SPONTANEOUS PROTEST" BY CHINESE CITIZENS AGAINST MAOIST REGIME/POLICIES (REUTER, NYT).

DURING REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON GROC FY 1977 BUDGET, CCK CALLED ON MAINLAND CHINESE TO REBEL AGAINST PRC GOVT. PREMIER TOLD LEGISLATORS GROC HAD LEARNED OF TIENTEN RIOTING THROUGH ITS INTELLIGENCE SOURCES BEFORE REPORTS APPEARED IN FOREIGN PRESS. ALSO SAID THERE WERE OTHER RIOTS IN SHANGHAI, HANGCHOW, NUHSI, AND NW PRC, NOT REPORTED YET, ALL OF WHICH ARE JUST BEGINNING OF WIDESPREAD UPRISING AGAINST PEKING RULE.

JOC'S CULLISON, IN TOKYO, REPORTS JAPANESE PAPERS TUESDAY HIGHLIGHTED BELIEF THAT SPEED OF PRC ADVANCED INDUSTRIALIZATION IS SLOWING DOWN, BECAUSE RECENT POLITICAL CONFUSION IN PEKING, THROUGHOUT MAJOR CHINESE PROVINCES, IS CAUSING SERIOUS PRODUCTION DROPS.

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CAMBODIAN CABINET RESIGNS TO ENABLE RECENTLY-ELECTED PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVE ASSY SELECT NEW GOVT (REUTER, SUN; AFP, WP; UPI, NYT). RESIGNATION MAY BE FIRST STEP IN REORGANIZATION GOVT FOLLOWING ELECTIONS, SIHANOUK'S RESIGNATION (AFP, WP). NO INDICATION WHO WOULD FORM NEW CABINET (UPI, NYT). OBSERVERS BELIEVE KR LEADERSHIP PREPARING ANNOUNCE SOON NEW POWER STRUCTURE CAMBODIA. GOVT THAT RESIGNED INCLUDED GRUNK HOLDOVERS (REUTER BANGKOK).

SIHANOUK EASED OUT AS TITULAR LEADER SINCE COMMUNISTS HAD NO FURTHER NEED FOR HIM, ACCORDING OBSERVERS; PRINCE HAD BEEN POWERLESS SINCE VICTORY YR AGO (PHINQ).

AMCIT MISSIONARY JAMES KLASSEN DEPARTED SAIGON, ARRIVED BANGKOK WEDNESDAY, EXPECTED RETURN USA SHORTLY (REUTER BANGKOK).

WAY MAY BE CLEARED FOR ENDING US TRADE BAN WITH VN. BY NEXT WK PRES EXPECTED HAVE FROM CONGRESS FOREIGN AID BILL THAT WOULD END EMBARGO FOR AT LEAST 180 DAYS; BAN WILL BE RESTORED AFTER THAT TIME IF VN DOES NOT GIVE MIA ACCOUNTING (LAWRENCE, JOC).

3. THAILAND

CONSERVATIVE LEADERS PREPARING FORM NEW COALITION GOVT. SENI SAYS THAI NATION, SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTIES WILLING JOIN HIS DEMOCRATS IN FORMING NEW CABINET (CHITIRB). SUN'S ISAACS THINKS NEW GOVT MAY BE MORE ANTI-COMMUNIST THAN OLD, MAY CONSIDER REVERSING DEMAND US WITHDRAWAL. SAYS IF QUESTION REOPENED, COULD BRING ABOUT RESURGENCE STUDENT PROTESTS. NOTES SLOW WITHDRAWAL PACE, WITH SPECULATION US MIGHT WAIT SEE IF NEW GOVT WILL UNDERTAKE NEW NEGOTIATIONS. SEES POSSIBILITY REOPENING TROOP TALKS ENHANCED BY MIL TIES PARTIES EXPECTED JOIN SENI'S COALITION.

4. JAPAN

MFA SAID TUESDAY GOJ PLANS PROTEST ITC PROBE JAPANESE UNCLASSIFIED

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COLOR TV IMPORT PRICING (AP, NYT, WP). ITC ANNOUNCEMENT SEEN AS SURPRISE TO JAPAN, WHERE ECONOMISTS, BANKERS, TRADING FIRM EXECs VOICING CONFIDENCE US IMPORT DEMAND WOULD HELP PULL ECONOMY TOWARD RECOVERY (SUN).

GOJ FIGURES RELEASED TUESDAY SHOW SLIGHT INCREASE UNEMPLOYMENT, TO 2.4 PCT, OR 1.25 MILLION (AFP, WP). PM OFFICE DIRGEN UEKI TOLD CABINET FIGURE LESS THAN 1.4 MILLION LEVEL PREDICTED BY MOL LAST MONTH, MAY MARK PEAK IN UNEMPLOYMENT AS CURRENT RECESSION SHOWS SIGNS IMPROVEMENT (JOC, TOKYO).

CULLISON (JOC) NOTES US-JAPAN BEGIN 3-DAY TALKS MONDAY, ON FORD PROPOSAL FOR SPECIALTY STEEL OMA. SAYS JAPANESE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT REACHING ACCORD SATISFACTORY BOTH SIDES.

NYT'S FARSNWORTH, IN PARIS, REPORTS US, TRADING PARTNERS, DISAGREED OPENLY IN OECD OVER JUSTIFICATION US MOVE RESTRAIN SPECIALTY STEEL IMPORTS. YEUTTER TOLD US ACTION WOULD SET "DANGEROUS PRECEDENT," TRIGGER "CHAIN REACTION PROTECTIONISM." ADDS SWEDEN, COMMART UNDECIDED

WHETHER NEGOTIATE OMA PROPOSED BY US.

ANNUAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL CELEBRATED TUESDAY
AT WASHINGTON TIDAL BASIN, TWO WEEKS AFTER BLOSSOMS
PEAKED IN UNSEASONABLY WARM WEATHER. AMB TOGO,
MAYOR WASHINGTON SPOKE. MIN NISHIDA'S DAUGHTER,
AMY, LIT STONE LANTERN (HAMILTON, WP, WITH PHOTO).

5. KOREA

NK FM HO DAM MET WITH TITO TUESDAY, ON BRIONI. ARRIVED
BELGRADE MONDAY FOR WORKING VISIT (AFP, WP).

6. PHILIPPINES

PAL PLANE WITH 80 ABOARD HIJACKED WEDNESDAY BY 3 GUNMEN
IN S PHILS, FLOWN TO MANILA WHERE 300,000-DOL RANSOM
DEMANDED UNDER THREAT KILLING PASSENGERS; HIJACKERS ALSO
DEMAND RELEASE 4 PRISONERS HELD ON VARIOUS CHARGES,
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PILOT TO FLY THEM TO UNIDENTIFIED DESTINATION (REUTER
MANILA).

REBELS KILLED 16 SOLDIERS IN MINDANAO AMBUSH SATURDAY;
16 GUERRILLAS KILLED, 50 CAPTURED IN SERIES CLASHES
SAME ISLAND (AFP, WP).

7. SINGAPORE

GOS FONMIN WILL PAY OFFICIAL VISIT MOSCOW APR 8-13
(AFP, WP).

8. AUSTRALIA

JOC'S STOWE, IN SYDNEY, REPORTS "MOST HOSTILE ATTACK"
EVER BY GOA AGAINST PRIVATE FIRM -- GM-HOLDEN -- FOR
GRANTING 10 PCT PAY RAISE DAY AFTER CONCILIATION AND
ARBITRATION COMMISSION RULED WOULD BREACH INDEXATION
GUIDE DESIGNED STEM INFLATION. AUSSIES SURPRISED AT
DEPTH HOSTILITY SHOWN BY PM FRASER, WHO PERSONALLY
CRITICIZED IRRESPONSIBILITY OF MNC WHOSE TOP MANAGEMENT
NOT EVEN IN COUNTRY.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. PHILIPPINES

SUN SAYS BEING MARRIED TO PRES SEEMS SUREST WAY BECOME
ONE. NOTES POLS LINING UP TO URGE MARCOS NAME WIFE
CHOSEN SUCCESSOR. SAYS THIS WILL BRING IMELDA NEAR
GOAL CAREFULLY CALCULATED ROUTE FROM BEAUTY QUEEN TO

RULER. SEES CONTRIVED GROUNDSWELL BUILDING; BELIEVES PRES NAMING HEIR-APPARENT WILL ONLY BE SLIGHTLY MORE ILLEGAL THAN PRESENT DICTATORSHIP. THINKS TROUBLE FOR MARCOS WILL BE WHILE COMING, PROBABLY NOT FROM LAW BUT FROM FILS WHO KNOW MEANING PRES' ARBITRARY RULE. MENTIONS MACAPAGAL BOOK, APPEAL TO AMEMBASSY FOR ASYLUM THAT REFUSED ON GROUNDS NO SIGN IMMINENT DANGER. BELIEVES WASHINGTON WOULD DO WELL ENCOURAGE MARCOS JUSTIFY ITS CONFIDENCE IN HIS LIBERTARIAN SPIRIT.
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10. JAPAN

IN QUARTER-PAGE SIGNED NYT AD WEDNESDAY, 24-MEMBER AD HOC CMTE UNCOVER LOCKHEED SCANDAL APPEALS FOR PRES FORD CHANGE DECISION PROVIDE LOCKHEED INFO IN CONFIDENCE, THAT BLOCKS CHANCE SHED LIGHT ON SCANDAL. NOTES JAPANESE SUSPECT GOJ NOT TRYING REVEAL FACTS, AND SUSPICION INCREASING THAT USG COOPERATING WITH GOJ IN COVER-UP. ALSO CALLS ON US CITIZENS SUPPORT APPEAL, SO INFORM PRES AND LOCAL MEDIA. GIVES TOKYO ADDRESS, TO WHICH EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR CMTE MAY BE SENT.

NYT SPECIAL (TOKYO) NOTES AD HOC CMTE COMPOSED OF WRITERS, ARTISTS, SCHOLARS, CRITICS, COMEDIANS, TV PERSONALITIES, WHO CONTRIBUTED 165 DOLS EACH TO PAY FOR AD. GROUP ORGANIZED BY TV NEWSCASTER KOICHI BABA.

11. CHINA

CITING MONDAY'S PEKING DISTURBANCES, NYT CONTENTS PRC SEEMED SO ORDERLY, COMPLETELY CONTROLLED IN RECENT YEARS, THAT OUTSIDE WORLD HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN CHINESE, TOO, QUITE CAPABLE OF RIOTING, DAMAGING PERSONS/PROPERTY, PROTESTING AGAINST ESTABLISHED ORDER AS THEY DID 1966-68. WHILE ANTI-TENG CAMPAIGN IN PRESS IMPLICITLY REVEALED CHINESE LEADERSHIP MAJOR RIFT, STORMY PEKING DEMONSTRATION SUGGESTS DIVISION AMONG CHINESE PEOPLE, AS WELL. ADVISES CAUTION IN PROJECTING CONSEQUENCES OF MONDAY UPHEAVAL, AND MAINTAINS ANYTHING OF THIS IMPORTANCE OBVIOUSLY AFFECTS NOT ONLY PRC BUT ALL WORLD, WHICH NOW CAN ONLY WONDER IF CHINESE POLITICAL STABILITY MAY ONCE AGAIN BE COMING TO END.

CSM DECLARES TIEN ANMEN BIG PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION WAS SPECIFIC DISPLAY SUPPORT FOR CHOU--AND TENG -- AND ITS REAL SIGNIFICANCE WILL BE SHOWN BY WHAT HAPPENS UPPERMOST CCP COUNCILS IN FUTURE.

NYDN DECLARES FACT THAT HUGE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION COULD OCCUR IN "POLICE STATE" SHOWS HOW FIERCE IS

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POWER STRUGGLER WITHIN "RED CHINA," AND HOW UNSTABLE IS POLITICAL BALANCE. ASSERTS, IN CIRCUMSTANCES, US CAN TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED FROM PRC -- EVEN ITS CONTINUED HOSTILITY TO SOVIET.

SUN'S WU, IN HK, SAYS PD'S EDITORIAL WARNING AGAINST MORE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS WAS DIRECTED NOT SO MUCH AGAINST CROWDS WHO JOINED IN MONDAY RIOTING, BUT RATHER AT UNNAMED CLASS ENEMIES ALLEGEDLY INCITING MASS DISTURBANCES. SEES THIS AS SEVEREST WARNING COMING FROM LEADERSHIP SINCE CURRENT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN BEGAN IN FEB, AND BORE MAO'S SUPREME AUTHORITY BY QUOTING HIS NEWEST INSTRUCTIONS ON ESSENCE OF CLASS STRUGGLE IN PRESENT CAMPAIGN.

BOSTON U PROF GOLDMAN HOLDS THAT BECAUSE PRC IS POLITICALLY CONTROLLED SOCIETY, MONDAY DEMONSTRATION COULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED WITHOUT SOME FORM ORGANIZATION, AND REFLECTS POWER STRUGGLE GOING ON, SINCE BEFORE GPCR, BETWEEN COUNTRY'S PRAGMATIC AND RADICAL LEADERS, WITH MAO SHIFTING ALLEGIANCE BETWEEN THEM. DECLARES REFLECTION OF INTENSIFIED POWER STRUGGLE IS FACT CHOU BECAME NONPERSON AFTER DEATH, HIS NAME HAS NOT APPEARED IN PRESS OR SPEECHES -- PART OF RADICALS' ANTI-TENG STRUGGLE.

AP'S RODERICK, IN TOKYO, SAYS MONDAY'S TURMOIL DEMONSTRATES POWERFUL UNDERCURRENT OF SUPPORT STILL EXISTS FOR CHOU'S MODERATE, STABILIZING POLICIES, AND CAN BE SEEN AS BACKLASH AGAINST ATTACK ON TENG. FACT THAT SO MANY PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED -- AND THAT THEY DEFIED AUTHORITY EVEN KNOWING SWIFT PUNISHMENT CERTAIN -- ILLUSTRATES DEPTH OF EMOTION AROUSED BY ANTI-TENG CAMPAIGN. MONDAY'S OUTBURST WAS, FIRST AND FOREMOST, TRIBUTE TO CHOU. SUNDAY NIGHT REMOVAL OF WREATHS TO CHOU INDICATES MAO AND RADICALS REGARDED ADULATION CHOU AS THREATENING DEVELOPMENT. MORE DEMONSTRATIONS OF THIS SORT SEEM UNLIKELY. THIS ONE APPARENTLY UNORGANIZED, NO WEAPONS INVOLVED, AND CONCESSIONS UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE MADE TO SOOTHE FEELING OF OUTRAGE AT DISRESPECT CHOU'S MEMORY. PREDICTED THAT IF USUAL

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PATTERN FOLLOWED, TENG WOULD BE ACCUSED OF BEING RINGLEADER, WILL COME UNDER HARSH NEW ATTACK.

LELYVELD (NYT) REPORTS SOME WASHINGTON ANALYSTS BELIEVE PRC MODERATES APPEAR USING CHOU'S NAME IN

EFFORT THWART FACTION OPERATING IN MAO'S NAME, AND POSSIBLY TO THWART CHAIRMAN, HIMSELF. MEANS, ON SYMBOLIC LEVEL, TWO OLD COMRADES PITTED AGAINST EACH OTHER -- IN SHARP CONTRAST TO STRUGGLE IN 1966. CITES DOAK BARNETT SAYING "UNPRECEDENTED" THAT MONDAY DEMONSTRATORS WERE IMPLICITLY PROTESTING AGAINST WHAT MAO REPUTED TO BE THINKING, SAYING.

DOONESBURY'S "AMB DUKE" SEES CUBAN TROOPS ON SOVIET SIDE PRC FRONTIER "CRANKING-UP FOR SOME SERIOUS ADVENTURISM"--AS IN ANGOLA OR MIAMI (SUN, WP).

VIRGINIA LEE WARREN (NYT) INTERVIEWS TIBETANS LIVING NYC. FINDS, TYPICALLY, ALL SPEAK ENGLISH WELL, HAVE FOUND SOMETHING TO DO, SAY THEY FEEL AT HOME -- THOUGH WOULD RETURN TIBET IF CHINESE WERE EVER TO LEAVE. THOSE IN US LONGEST WOULD GO TIBET ONLY FOR VISIT. ABOUT 140 IN US, 17 IN NYC. ITEM CARRIES PHOTOS TWO FAMILIES.

12. KOREA

LETTER TO WP BY DAN GRAYDON FEFFERMAN (SYG, FREEDOM LEADERSHIP FDN, WASHINGTON) CRITICIZES RECENT EDIT THAT PROTRAYED PRES PARK AS WORLD'S WORST DICTATOR, CHASTISED ADMIN "PERMISSIVE TOLERANCE" OF HIS REGIME. SAYS THIS "EXERCISE IN HYPOCRACY AND MISPLACED PRIORITIES." STATES PARK DOES NOT MAKE NK DICTATOR KIM IL SUNG LOOK LIKE "INEFFECTUAL WARD POLITICIAN," WP NOTWITHSTANDING. ATTRIBUTES LACK OF STRIFE IN NK TO FACT OPPOSITION "LIQUIDATED" BY REGIME. URGES WP GO TO HEART OF MATTER, RECOMMEND POLICY THAT PUTS PRESSURE ON COMMUNISTS, INSTEAD OF ENGAGING IN "SELF-FLAGELLATION AND CRITICISM OF OUR ANTI-COMMUNIST ALLIES."

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13. GENERAL

WP'S JONES REPORTS NATL ECONOMISTS CLUB TALK BY TREASURY'S JOHN LANGE, WHO LABELED MNC CONDUCT CODE BEING DRAFTED BY OECD "PUBLIC RELATIONS DOCUEMNT." SAID US MIGHT NOT AGREE OECD DRAFT, UNLESS KEYPOINTS AMENDED. SUGGESTED LABOR GOVTS UK, SWEDEN, WGER "PERHAPS MISREADING" US REACTION RECENT BRIBERY DISCLOSURES.

EXAMINING ASPECTS OF CORPORATE PAYMENTS ABROAD, NYT'S SULZBERGER, IN THE HAGUE, STATES ALLEGATIONS BY "RATHER DUBIOUS WITNESSES" TO CHURCH CMTE ABOUT "HIGH DUTCH OFFICIAL" SAID TO HAVE ACCEPTED PAYMENTS

FROM LOCKHEED TENDS ENCOURAGE "CLIMATE OF CHARACTER ASSASSINATION" UNRELATED TO CHARGES OF BUSINESS MISBEHAVIOR. RESTATES "WELL-KNOWN FACT" THAT GREASING PALMS, PAYING KICKBACKS, HAS LONG BEEN CUSTOMARY WAY DO BUSINESS "BETWEEN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE YELLOW SEA." FOR EXAMPLE, NOTES ITALIAN CP TAKES KICKBACKS ON ALL E-W TRADE CONTRACTS ITALY SIGNS. EXPRESSES HOPE THAT START WILL BE MADE, BEFORE PRESENT INQUIRIES CONCLUDED, TO FACE CRUX OF MATTER -- CREATION OF SELF-REGULATORY SYSTEM FOR GREAT COMMERCIAL NATIONS, MOST OF WHICH ALLIED OR FRIENDLY WITH US.

NYT DEPLORES FACT CANDIDATES BOTH PARTIES, IN DISCUSSING FOPOLICY, SEEM BE RUNNING LESS AGAINST FORD THAN HAK, WHOSE SECRETIVENESS, CONFLICTS WITH CONGRESS, BYPASSING DOS PROFESSIONALS ARE UNDER "SEVERE CRITICISM." FAULTS CANDIDATES FOR FAILURE TRY ANSWER HOW US CAN MANAGE INTL DILEMMAS IT NOW FACES, INCLUDING COMPLEX NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH USSR, WHICH, IN ADDITION NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, HAS EXTENDED CONVENTIONAL POWER SOUTH FROM WATERS AROUND JAPAN, ACROSS INDIAN OCEAN TO RED SEA, AFRICA AND CUBA. CRITICIZES ALLIED GOVTS WELL AS CANDIDATES FOR FAILURE ADDRESS QUESTION OF CREATING INSTITUTIONS TO COORDINATE ECON POLICY WITH JAPAN, EUR. CONCLUDES THAT OVERRIDING FOPOLICY NEED CANDIDATES SHOULD ADDRESS IS DESIGN OF NEW RATIONALE FOR INVOLVEMENT IN WORLD FROMWHICH US WITHDRAWAL INTO NEO-ISOLATIONISM
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"NOT ONLY INCONCEIVABLE BUT HENCEFORTH IMPOSSIBLE."

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